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RE: Draft Ecosystem Restoration Program Conservation Strategy for Restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecological Management Zone and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Regions

Dear Mr. Dibble:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft July 2011 Ecosystem Restoration Program Conservation Strategy of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecological Management Zone and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Regions. Solano County looks forward to working cooperatively with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to make the proposed project a success.

The County wants to stress the importance of DFG ensuring that proposed migratory flight paths do not intersect with those of airplanes exiting or entering the Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield.

Projects could cause significant potential impacts to various roads and other Solano County facilities. To address these impacts, the following mitigation measures must be addressed.

1. If alternatives involve reconstructing or elevating roads, DFG will need to obtain appropriate encroachment permits from Solano County for performing this work. The terms of the permit may require DFG to:
 - a. Reconstruct road(s) to Solano County standards.
 - b. Ensure the road(s) remains open to traffic at all times, if it is the only access to certain areas.

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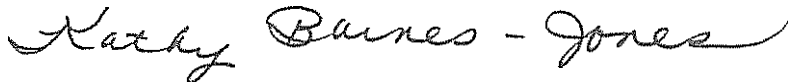
- c. Enter into an agreement with Solano County under which DFG will repair any damages caused to Solano County roadways from the import of material for reconstruction of various roads.
 - d. Reconstruct the approaches to bridges as needed to accommodate reconstructed roadways.
 - e. If Solano County does not currently receive property tax payments from DFG, the State must identify ongoing operations and maintenance funding for road improvements.
2. In relation to any project, the following items must be addressed to the satisfaction of Solano County:
- a. The project must mitigate its impacts to all Solano County roadways by entering into an agreement with Solano County under which DFG will repair any damages caused to Solano County roadways from the import of material for the project, including for the construction of levees, or other construction impacts.
 - b. The project must mitigate its impacts as a result of altered or increased flows caused by the project, including increased erosion, by obtaining a grading permit in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Solano County Code (Grading, Drainage, Land Leveling and Erosion Control).
 - c. The project must mitigate its impacts to any bridges, including the possibility of increased erosion as a result of modification to flows caused by the project.
 - d. The project must mitigate for all short term traffic impacts

Additionally, the following issues should be addressed as part of any Solano County project:

- Public meetings designed to solicit public comments must include individuals who may be impacted by the project.
- If deemed necessary by Solano County, there must be discussion regarding expanding public services (such as road maintenance or street lighting) to address the anticipated increased public access needs.
- If the project identifies potential increased mosquito abatement issues, it should include an analysis of other invasive species that may require additional mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.
- There should be discussion with Solano County staff to determine how safety issues and accidents will be addressed. There should be a determination of who would be available to respond quickly to problems and how will this be funded.
- Increased public access will require full mitigation for the cost of increased law enforcement and litter control.

We look forward to the receipt of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Conservation Strategy for Restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecological Management Zone and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Regions. Thank you again for extending the review time for this document. If you have questions concerning these comments, please contact me at 707-784-7914 or at kbarnes-iones@solanocounty.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Barnes - Jones".

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